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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

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FROM: Jeff DeWitt

Chief Financial Officer

DATE: November 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Inspector General Qualifications

Amendment Act of 2014"

REFERENCE: Bill 20-951, Draft Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue

Analysis on November 20, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Under current permanent law,¹ to be appointed Inspector General of the District, one must have significant experience and education in both the practice of law and accounting. Specifically, an appointee must:

- Have seven years or more experience practicing law;
- Be a member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar for the last seven consecutive vears:
- Have seven years or more experience in the practice of accounting, tax consulting, or financial consulting; and
- Be a licensed certified public accountant, with a certificate from the District Board of Accountancy and be a member of the Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Additionally, the appointee must have a minimum of seven years supervisory and management experience.

The bill makes permanent an emergency law² that eliminated all of the above specific requirements and substitutes a general requirement that the appointee have demonstrated supervisory and

¹ D.C. Official Code §§ 1-301.115a(a)(1)(D) and 1-301.115a(a)(1)(D-1).

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management experience, and demonstrated ability in law, accounting, auditing, financial management, public administration, or investigations.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Changing the qualification requirements for the position of Inspector General does not have an impact on the budget and financial plan.

² Inspector General Qualifications Emergency Amendment Act of 2014, Expires February 5, 2015 (D.C. Act 20-464; 61 DCR 11828).